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For : GAME MACHINE, SERVER SYSTEM, INFORMATION SERVICE  
METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on May 7, 2002, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection (together with an English language translation of the same) from the Japanese Patent Office that was mailed on June 8, 2004, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-351909, in which the following documents were cited:

ASAKAWA, S., "New Business Style Generated by Sametime, Searching For Real-Time Collaboration", Lotus Notesmagazine, Japan, SOFTBANK Publishing Inc., No. 32, pp. 44-56, June 13, 1999, along with a partial English translation.

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INTERNET Magazine, Japan, Impress Corp., No. 58, pp. 206-221, November 1, 1999,  
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Try a Topic ICQ" INTERNET Magazine, Japan, Impress Corp., No. 39, pp. 294-301,  
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The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document  
is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the  
Japanese claims are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and  
cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on  
the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces  
on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with  
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Further, Applicant notes that since this Information Disclosure Statement is being  
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included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.  
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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